June 2020

Dear Parents,

Many of you are wondering how things will look for school in the fall. We are too far away to make some decisions, others are tentatively in place, others are under consideration. I can share with you the following. As the climate continues to change so will we to ensure the continued safety of everyone here.

Things that are tentatively set.

* The school will be opening as scheduled.
* Purchased a disinfecting machine that will disinfect 5,000 square feet in 15 minutes and 2 cases of disinfectant to start the year. This will be used throughout the building every night after cleaning is completed.
* Purchasing no touch disinfectant devices for each classroom – waiting for availability.
* Foot travel will be limited in the school from outsiders. Deliveries will be left between Door 1 and our security door. Items students forgot and dropped off by parents will be left there also.
* Face masks for each student and staff member. See school supply list for recommendation.
* There will be no First Grade Reading Buddies for the ‘20 – ‘21 school year.
* Temperature checks will be in place for everyone entering the building.
* Individualized supplies/equipment specific to each student. This includes items used in art, music, and physical education.
* Families will be required to notify the school if a family member has come down with the virus.
* Students/staff who exhibit a cough, fever, runny nose, etc. will need to stay home and contact their physician.
* Individual water bottles, no common drinking fountains.
* Much more outdoor instruction as weather permits.

Things under consideration.

* Elementary art and vocal music instruction to be in academic classroom. Teachers move, students stay in classroom.
* Clear privacy shields for student desks, allowing for facemasks to be removed.
* Staggered starts each day allowing for temperature checks. Ex. 1 group of students come at 7:40, another at 7:50, another at 8:00.
* Adjusted lunch/recess times in smaller groups.
* Lunch in classrooms.
* No touch mechanisms on toilets and sinks.
* Backpacks kept by student desk.
* No volleyball or basketball teams for the fall season.

Things that are undecided as more information is needed.

* What bussing will look like.
* What lunch will look like.
* What school masses will look like: virtual/in person.

There is no proven model, we need to make decisions based on known information at the national, state, and local levels. Please be patient while this is being evaluated daily. I will be in contact with families in mid-August with updates. Thank you.